

In line 4 of Claim 30, please insert --base-- between the words "said" and "below".

13 15. (Thrice Amended) An edgewise orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body comprising gingival and occlusal sidewalls;

gingival and occlusal tie wings extending from said body and defining a labially opening archwire slot therebetween, wherein said gingival and occlusal tie wings are in a fixed position;

an auxiliary slot extending entirely through said body from said occlusal sidewall to said gingival sidewall, wherein said auxiliary slot is positioned on at least one of a mesial and a distal side of said bracket; and,

an auxiliary orthodontic treatment device having a shaft portion positionable within said auxiliary slot;

said auxiliary slot and said shaft portion of said auxiliary orthodontic treatment device having complimentary configurations wherein rotational movement therebetween is restricted.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication of allowance of Claims 1, 4-12, and 22 by the Examiner in the above-identified Office Action. As will be discussed below, however, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 13, 14, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon the combination of Suyama and Pletcher. Applicants respectfully note